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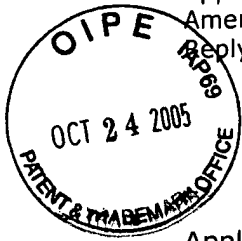
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Appln. No: 09/980,880  
Applicants: Yoshio GODA, et al.  
Filed: September 3, 2002  
Title: TOP SEALING PLATE, BATTERY USING THE TOP SEALING PLATE,  
AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE BATTERY (AS AMENDED)  
TC/A.U.: 1746  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Responsive to the Final Office Action dated **September 2, 2005**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- ☐ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page **2** of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Abstract** are on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper. A clean version of the Abstract is on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page **12** of this paper.